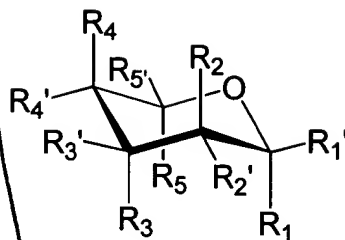


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 5 1. A compound comprising a glycosyl moiety having a nitrogen-based substituent linked to a carbon atom within said glycosyl moiety,
- 10 wherein said nitrogen-based substituent is selected from the group consisting of -NH_2 , $\text{-N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $\text{-(CH}_2)_n\text{-N(R}_{10})_3$, and $\text{-NH-C(N}^+\text{H}_2)\text{-NH}_2$, and
- 15 wherein substituents linked to other carbon atoms within said glycosyl moiety are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, -alkyl, -O-alkyl, -O-C(O)-alkyl , $\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{(O-C(O)-R}_6\text{)-CH}_2\text{(O-C(O)-R}_7\text{)}$, $\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{(OR}_6\text{)-CH}_2\text{(OR}_7\text{)}$, $\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{(R}_6\text{)-CH}_2\text{(R}_7\text{)}$, $\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-cholesterol}$, polyethylene glycol, $\text{-O-(CH}_2)_n\text{-N(R}_8)_3$, -NH_2 , $\text{-N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $\text{-(CH}_2)_n\text{-N(R}_9)_3$, and $\text{-(CH}_2\text{)-OR}_{10}$,
- 20 wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl,
- wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and
- 25 wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

2. A compound of claim 1 having a structure set forth in formula I:



(I)

wherein said R_1 and R_1' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OH$, $-OCH_3$, $-alkyl$, $-O-alkyl$, $-O-C(O)-alkyl$,

- 5 $-O-CH_2-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_6)-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_7)$,
 $-O-CH_2-CH_2(OR_6)-CH_2(OR_7)$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(R_6)-CH_2(R_7)$,
 $-O-(CH_2)_m$ -cholesterol, polyethylene glycol,
 $-O-(CH_2)_n-N(R_8)_3$, $-NH_2$, $-N^+(CH_3)_3$, $-(CH_2)_n-N(R_9)_3$, and
 $-(CH_2)-OR_{10}$, wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} are independently
 10 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and
 alkyl, and wherein m is selected from the group consisting
 of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the
 group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;

- wherein R_2 and R_2' are independently selected from the
 15 group consisting of hydrogen, $-NH_2$, $-N^+(CH_3)_3$,
 $-(CH_2)_n-N(R_{11})_3$, and $-NH-C(N^+H_2)-NH_2$, wherein said R_{11} is
 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and
 alkyl; and

- wherein R_3 , R_3' , R_4 , R_4' , R_5 and R_5' are independently
 20 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OH$,
 $-OCH_3$, $-alkyl$, $-O-alkyl$, $-O-C(O)-alkyl$,
 $-O-CH_2-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_6)-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_7)$,
 $-O-CH_2-CH_2(OR_6)-CH_2(OR_7)$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(R_6)-CH_2(R_7)$,
 $-O-(CH_2)_m$ -cholesterol, polyethylene glycol,
 25 $-O-(CH_2)_n-N(R_8)_3$, $-NH_2$, $-N^+(CH_3)_3$, $-(CH_2)_n-N(R_9)_3$, and
 $-(CH_2)-OR_{10}$ wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} are independently

selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl, and wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;

5 provided that R_5' is not $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-(\text{CH}_2)_{14}\text{CH}_3$ when R_3' and R_4' are $-\text{OH}$, R_2' is $-\text{NH}_2$, and R_1' is $-\text{OCH}_3$; and

provided that R_5' is not $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{CH}_3$, wherein p is selected from the group consisting of 10, 12, 14, or 16, when R_3' is identical to R_5' , R_4' is
10 $-\text{OH}$, R_2' is $-\text{NH}_2$, and R_1' is $-\text{OCH}_3$.

3. The compound of claim 2, wherein R_2 and R_2' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$, and $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{N}^+\text{H}_2)-\text{NH}_2$.
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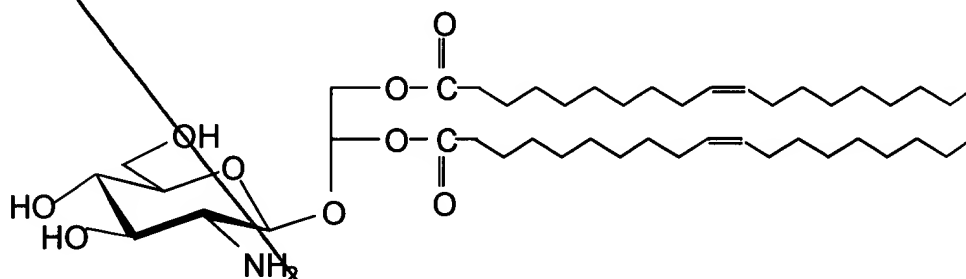
4. The compound of claim 3, wherein R_3 , R_3' , R_4 , R_4' , R_5 , and R_5' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})$ -alkyl, $-\text{O}$ -alkyl, alkyl, and $-(\text{CH}_2)-\text{OH}$.
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5. The compound of claim 4, wherein R_1 and R_1' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-\text{OCH}_3$, alkyl, $-\text{O}$ -alkyl, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})$ -alkyl, $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2(\text{alkyl})-\text{CH}_2(\text{alkyl})$,
25 $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2(\text{O-alkyl})-\text{CH}_2(\text{O-alkyl})$,
 $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2(\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-alkyl})-\text{CH}_2(\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-alkyl})$,
 $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-cholesterol}$, $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-NH}_2$, and
 $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$, wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is
30 selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

6. The compound of claim 5, wherein said alkyl moiety is a straight chain hydrocarbon moiety having 14, 16, or 18 carbon atoms and 0, 1, 2, or 3 unsaturations.

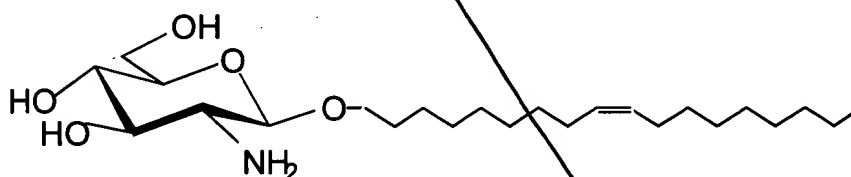
7. The compound of claim 6 having the structure set forth in formula (II):

(II)



8. The compound of claim 6 having the structure set forth in formula (III):

(III)



9. The compound of claim 6 having the structure set forth in formula (IV):

(IV)

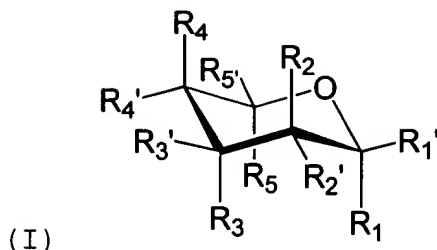


10. A composition for delivery one or more macromolecules into one or more cells, comprising:

- (a) a compound comprising a glycosyl moiety having a
 5 nitrogen-based substituent linked to a carbon atom within
 said glycosyl moiety, wherein said nitrogen-based
 substituent is selected from the group consisting of
 $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{N}(\text{R}_{10})_3$, and $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{N}^+\text{H}_2)-\text{NH}_2$, and
 10 wherein substituents linked to other carbon atoms within
 said glycosyl moiety are independently selected from the
 group consisting of hydrogen, -alkyl, -O-alkyl,
 $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2(\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}_6)-\text{CH}_2(\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}_7)$,
 $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2(\text{OR}_6)-\text{CH}_2(\text{OR}_7)$, $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2(\text{R}_6)-\text{CH}_2(\text{R}_7)$,
 $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{cholesterol}$, polyethylene glycol,
 15 $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{N}(\text{R}_8)_3$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{N}(\text{R}_9)_3$, and
 $-(\text{CH}_2)-\text{OR}_{10}$ wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} are independently
 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and
 alkyl, and wherein m is selected from the group consisting
 of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the
 20 group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and
- (b) said macromolecule or macromolecules.

11. A composition for delivering one or more macromolecules into one or more cells, comprising:

- (a) a compound having a structure set forth in
 25 formula (I):



(I)

wherein R₁ and R₁' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, -OH, -OCH₃, -alkyl, -O-alkyl, -O-C(O)-alkyl, -O-CH₂-CH₂(O-C(O)-R₆)-CH₂(O-C(O)-R₇), -O-CH₂-CH₂(OR₆)-CH₂(OR₇), -O-CH₂-CH₂(R₆)-CH₂(R₇), -O-(CH₂)_m-cholesterol, -O-(CH₂)_n-N(R₈)₃, -NH₂, -N⁺(CH₃)₃, -(CH₂)_n-N(R₉)₃, and -(CH₂)-OR₁₀, wherein R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, and R₁₀ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl, and wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;

wherein R₂ and R₂' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, -NH₂, -N⁺(CH₃)₃, -(CH₂)_n-N(R₁₁)₃, and -NH-C(N⁺H₂)-NH₂, wherein said R₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl; and

wherein R₃, R₃', R₄, R₄', R₅, and R₅' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, -OH, -OCH₃, -alkyl, -O-alkyl, -O-C(O)-alkyl, -O-CH₂-CH₂(O-C(O)-R₆)-CH₂(O-C(O)-R₇), -O-CH₂-CH₂(OR₆)-CH₂(OR₇), -O-CH₂-CH₂(R₆)-CH₂(R₇), -O-(CH₂)_m-cholesterol, -O-(CH₂)_n-N(R₈)₃, -NH₂, -N⁺(CH₃)₃, -(CH₂)_n-N(R₉)₃, and -(CH₂)-OR₁₀, wherein R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl, and wherein m is selected from

the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and

(b) said macromolecule or macromolecules.

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12. The composition of claim 11, wherein R_2 and R_2' are independently selected from the group consisting of $-NH_2$, $-N^+(CH_3)_3$, and $-NH-C(N^+H_2)-NH_2$.

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13. The composition of claim 12, wherein said R_3 , R_3' , R_4 , R_4' , R_5 , and R_5' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OH$, $-O-C(O)-alkyl$, $-O-alkyl$, and $-alkyl$, $-(CH_2)-OH$.

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14. The composition of claim 13, wherein said R_1 and R_1' are independently selected from the group consisting of $-OCH_3$, $-alkyl$, $-O-alkyl$, $-O-C(O)-alkyl$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(alkyl)-CH_2(alkyl)$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(O-alkyl)-CH_2(O-alkyl)$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(O-C(O)-alkyl)-CH_2(O-C(O)-alkyl)$, $-O-(CH_2)_m-cholesterol$, $-O-(CH_2)_n-NH_2$, and $-O-(CH_2)_n-N^+(CH_3)_3$, wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;

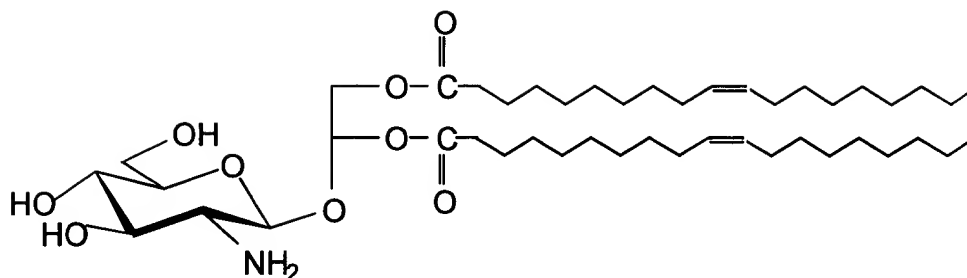
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15. The composition of claim 14, wherein said alkyl moiety is a straight chain hydrocarbon moiety having 14, 16, or 18 carbon atoms and 0, 1, 2, or 3 unsaturations.

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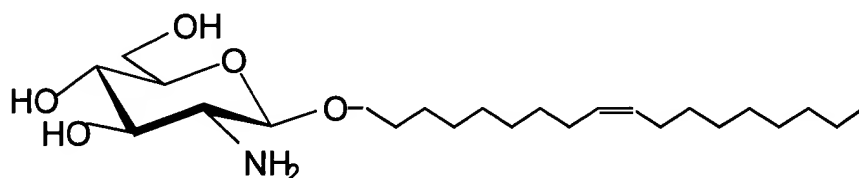
16. The composition of claim 15, wherein said compound has the structure set forth in formula (II):

(II)



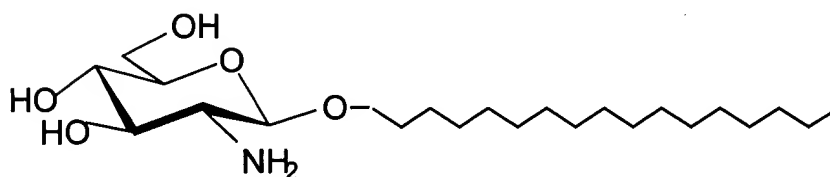
17. The composition of claim 15, wherein said
5 compound has the structure set forth in formula (III):

(III)



18. The composition of claim 15, wherein said
10 compound has the structure set forth in formula (IV):

(IV)



19. The composition of claim 11, wherein said
15 macromolecule is an anionic molecule.

20. The composition of claim 19, wherein said anionic molecule is selected from the group consisting of a polynucleotide molecule, a DNA molecule, a RNA molecule,

and a nucleotide analog molecule.

21. The composition of claim 20, wherein said DNA molecule is a plasmid molecule comprising at least one
5 element for polypeptide expression in one or more eukaryotic cells.

22. The composition of claim 21, wherein said plasmid molecule further comprises a gene encoding IL-2.

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23. The composition of claim 11, further comprising at least one co-lipid.

24. The composition of claim 23, wherein said co-lipid is DOPE.

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25. The composition of claim 23, wherein said co-lipid is cholesterol.

26. The composition of claim 11, further comprising a cryoprotectant.

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27. The composition of claim 26, wherein said cryoprotectant is PVP.

28. The composition of claim 11, wherein said composition is capable of forming liposomes.

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29. The composition of claim 11 having an effective diameter between 100 nanometers and 300 nanometers.

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30. The composition of claim 11 having a -/+ charge ratio selected from the group consisting of 1:0.5, 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, 1:4, 1:5, 1:6, and 1:9.

5 31. A method for delivering macromolecules to cells of a mammal, comprising the step of administering a composition of any one of claims 11-30 to said cells.

10 32. The method of claim 31, wherein said composition is administered to said cells *in vitro*.

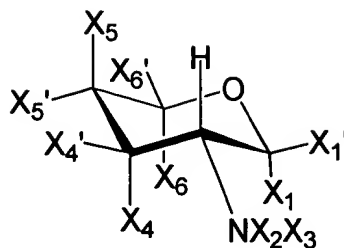
33. The method of claim 31, wherein said composition is administered to said cells *in vivo*.

15 34. The method of claim 31, wherein said administration results in IL-2 expression in said cells.

20 35. The method of claim 31, wherein said composition is administered by a technique selected from the group consisting of direct injection to a tissue, parenteral injection, intravenous injection, oral administration, and administration by inhalation.

25 36. A method for synthesizing a compound of claim 2, comprising the steps of:

(a) reacting a first reactant of formula (V):



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with a second reactant,

wherein X_1 and X_1' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen atom, and an
 5 activatable moiety; X_2 and X_3 are independently selected from the group consisting of a protecting moiety, hydrogen, halogen, or any activatable moiety; and X_4 , X_4' , X_5 , X_5' , X_6 and X_6' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, -O-acetyl, -OH,
 10 -CH₂-O-acetyl, -CH₂-OH, and -O-alkyl;

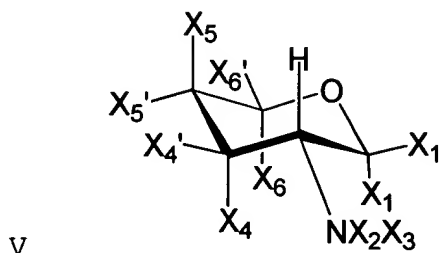
wherein said second reactant is selected from the group consisting of HOCH₃, HO-alkyl, HO-C(O)-alkyl, HO-CH₂-CH₂(O-C(O)-R₆)-CH₂(O-C(O)-R₇), HO-CH₂-CH₂(OR₆)-CH₂(OR₇), HO-CH₂-CH₂(R₆)-CH₂(R₇),
 15 HO-(CH₂)_m-cholesterol, and HO-(CH₂)_n-N(R₈)₃, wherein R₆, R₇, R₈, and R₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl, and wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1,
 20 2, 3, 4, and 5;

(b) reacting the product of step (a) with a reducing agent; and

(c) purifying said compound of claim 2.

25 37. A method for synthesizing a compound of claim 2, comprising the steps of:

(a) reacting a first reactant of formula (V):



with a second reactant,

- 5 wherein X_1 and X_1' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OCH_3$, $-alkyl$, $-O-alkyl$, $-O-C(O)-alkyl$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_6)-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_7)$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(OR_6)-CH_2(OR_7)$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2(R_6)-CH_2(R_7)$, $-O-(CH_2)_m-cholesterol$, $-O-(CH_2)_n-N(R_8)_3$, $-NH_2$, $-N^+(CH_3)_3$, and $-(CH_2)_n-N(R_9)_3$, wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , and R_9 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl, and wherein m is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and wherein X_2 and X_3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a protecting group, and X_4 , X_4' , X_5 , X_5' , X_6 , and X_6' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OH$, and $-O-alkyl$;
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- 20 wherein said second reactant is selected from the group consisting of $ClCH_3$, $Cl-alkyl$, $Cl-CH_2-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_6)-CH_2(O-C(O)-R_7)$, $Cl-CH_2-CH_2(OR_6)-CH_2(OR_7)$, $Cl-CH_2-CH_2(R_6)-CH_2(R_7)$, $Cl-(CH_2)_m-cholesterol$, and $Cl-(CH_2)_n-N(R_8)_3$, wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , and R_9 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl, and wherein m is
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selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,
and wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1,
2, 3, 4, and 5;

(b) reacting the product of step (a) with a
5 reducing agent and a catalyst; and

(c) purifying said compound of claim 2.

10 38. The method of claims 36 and 37, wherein said
protecting group is an N-phthalimido moiety.

39. The method of claims 36 and 37, wherein said
reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of
 H_2NNH_2 , H_2 , and $NABH_4$.

15 40. The method of claim 37, wherein said catalyst is
palladium.

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